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## Birkholz Introduces "Adopt a Watershed"

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Senator's legislation will encourage volunteer efforts to protect water resources.

Wednesday, April 2, 2003- Senator Patricia Birkholz, R- Saugatuck Township, today announced her "Adopt a Watershed" Legislation.

The bill will allow groups and citizens the opportunity to formally "adopt" a watershed. In a program such as "Adopt a Watershed", the state can encourage regional awareness and support for the protection of water resources, while working to streamline the workload of regulatory agencies and saving time and money.

"Giving guidance and direction for those volunteer efforts will provide meaningful results for both the natural resources and those citizens who choose to participate in the "Adopt a Watershed" program," Birkholz said.

Birkholz today offered a co-sponsorship opportunity to all members of the Michigan Senate.

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Comments from Senator Birkholz on the "Adopt a Watershed" legislation are available for download on the Senate Majority Audiowire at:

www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire/birkholz/index.htm

The comments are also available by calling the radio hotline at 517-373-4000.